

“Led into the Wilderness”

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Message Series: Truth that Transforms (Romans 8:14-39)

Romans 8:14 “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God...

I. A Key Aspect to the Christian Life is Being _____ by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:1 “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ...was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...”

Psalms 23:1,4 (CEV) “You, Lord, are my shepherd...you lead me along the right paths. I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me...”

Romans 8:16,17 “For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering.”

Benefits of the Wilderness Experience:

1. I tend to _____ to God in my suffering

Psalms 34:18 “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted”

2. I potentially reflect _____ through suffering

Romans 5:3-5: “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

3. I'm better equipped to _____ because of my suffering

2 Corinthians 1:4 “He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”

II. A Key to Thriving in the “Wilderness”: Is to _____

Romans 8:18 “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

2 Corinthians 4:17 “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

James 1:2 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds...”

1. God's Promise:

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

2. God's Purpose:

Romans 8:29 “For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

Genesis 1:27 “So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 5:3 “When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image....”

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NKJV) “God spoke to us through the Son (Jesus), who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...”

2 Corinthians 3:18 “And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.”

1 John 3:2 “...we know when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Romans 8:31 “What then, shall we say in response to this?”

3. God's Process:

Romans 8:29,30 “For those God foreknew He also predestined...And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.”

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4. Our Response?

Romans 8:37 “...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

- Conquering _____ (vs. 31)
- Conquering _____ (vs. 32)
- Conquering _____ (vs. 33)
- Conquering _____ (vs. 34)
- Conquering _____ (vs. 35-39)

Romans 8:38, 39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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